



# *Proclamation*

Presented to

## **Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association joins professional associations, research organizations, and education institutions in the United States, Canada and Mexico to celebrate Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day on October 24<sup>th</sup> each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association recognizes that acupuncture and Oriental medicine have a long and rich history as components of a comprehensive traditional medical system that has been used for thousands of years to diagnose and treat illness, prevent disease and improve individuals' well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association's members offer holistic Oriental medicine, a complementary medical system to advanced Western medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association acknowledges that acupuncture and Oriental medicine have become common practice in today's healthcare system; according to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, of the National Institutes of Health, approximately 36% of U.S. adults have used some form of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) including acupuncture, acupressure, herbal medicine, *tai chi* and *qi gong*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association represents practitioners of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Hawai'i that are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and maintains these standards through education, credentialing and personal commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture Association recognizes that millions of Americans seek the services of acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners annually; it is now estimated by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine that nearly one in ten adults have received acupuncture at least once in their life;

**THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, **BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2011, as

### **"ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE DAY"**

in Hawai'i, to recognize the progress, promise, and benefits of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and encourage our citizens to become aware of the treatment options they have available.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of September, 2011.

*Neil Abercrombie*

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

*Brian Schatz*

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i